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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Yamaoka, et al  
Serial No. : 09/781,889 Group Art Unit : 2167  
Filed : February 12, 2001  
For : INFORMATION PROVIDING SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING INFORMATION  
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS  
OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION  
FILING DATE GRANTED**

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Washington, D.C. 20231  
BOX MISSING PARTS

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts mailed March 20, 2001 (copy attached),  
Applicant(s) enclose herewith an executed Declaration/Power of Attorney for the above-identified application  
which was filed on February 12, 2001 without a Declaration, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.63.

Also enclosed is a check in the amount of One Hundred and Thirty Dollars (\$130.00) to cover  
the surcharge for filing the Declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application, pursuant to 37  
C.F.R. §1.16(e).

Correction of our docket number on the filing receipt, a copy of which is attached, and in the  
Patent Office records is appreciated.

Figures 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89 and 90 are resubmitted herewith. Applicant submits as  
proof of the original submission of the drawings a copy of the postcard receipt from the Patent Office indicating  
receipt of 163 sheets of drawings when the application was filed.

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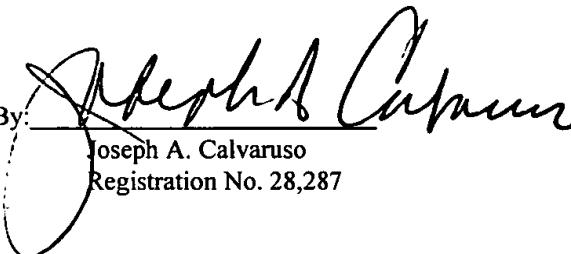
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees to Deposit Account No. 13-4500. Order No. 1232-4684. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

Respectfully submitted,

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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## FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

The following item(s) appear to have been omitted from the application:

- Figure(s) 83,84,85,86,87,88,89,90 described in the specification.

I. Should applicant contend that the above-noted omitted item(s) was in fact deposited in the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) with the nonprovisional application papers, a copy of this Notice and a petition (and \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(i))) with evidence of such deposit must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this Notice. The petition fee will be refunded if it is determined that the item(s) was received by the PTO.

II. Should applicant desire to supply the omitted item(s) and accept the date that such omitted item(s) was filed in the PTO as the filing date of the above-identified application, a copy of this Notice, the omitted item(s) (with a supplemental oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 referring to such items), and a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 (with the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h)) requesting the later filing date must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this Notice.

III. The failure to file a petition (and petition fee) under the above options (I) or (II) within TWO MONTHS of the date of this Notice (37 CFR 1.181(f)) will be treated as a constructive acceptance by the applicant of the application as deposited in the PTO. THIS TWO MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b). In the absence of a timely filed petition in reply to this Notice, the application will maintain a

filling date as of the date of deposit of the application papers in the PTO, and original application papers (i.e., the original disclosure of the invention) will include only those application papers present in the PTO on the date of deposit.

In the event that applicant elects not to take action pursuant to options (I) or (II) above (thereby constructively electing option (III)), amendment of the specification to renumber the pages consecutively and cancel incomplete sentences caused by any omitted page(s), and/or amendment of the specification to cancel all references to any omitted drawing(s), relabel the drawing figures to be numbered consecutively (if necessary), and correct the references in the specification to the drawing figures to correspond with any relabelled drawing figures, is required. Any drawing changes should be accompanied by a copy of the drawing figures showing the proposed changes in red ink. Such amendment and/or correction to the drawing figures, if necessary, should be by way of preliminary amendment submitted prior to the first Office action to avoid delays in the prosecution of the application.

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1. Claim to Convention Priority w/three documents
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Respectfully submitted,  
MORGAN & FINNEGAN, L.L.P.Dated: May 18, 2001

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**CLAIM TO CONVENTION PRIORITY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application and under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55, applicant(s) claim(s) the benefit of the following prior application(s):

Application(s) filed in:	JAPAN
In the name of:	Canon Kabushiki Kaisha
Serial No(s):	2000-041349
	2000-041350
	2000-041359
Filing Date(s):	February 15, 2000
	February 15, 2000
	February 15, 2000

Pursuant to the Claim to Priority, applicant(s) submit(s) a duly certified copy of said foreign application.

- A duly certified copy of said foreign application is in the file of application  
Serial No.       , filed       .

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Receipt is acknowledged of this nonprovisional Patent Application. It will be considered in its order and you will be notified as to the results of the examination. Be sure to provide the U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER, FILING DATE, NAME OF APPLICANT, and TITLE OF INVENTION when inquiring about this application. Fees transmitted by check or draft are subject to collection. Please verify the accuracy of the data presented on this receipt. If an error is noted on this Filing Receipt, please write to the Office of Initial Patent Examination's Customer Service Center. Please provide a copy of this Filing Receipt with the changes noted thereon. If you received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" for this application, please submit any corrections to this Filing Receipt with your reply to the Notice. When the PTO processes the reply to the Notice, the PTO will generate another Filing Receipt incorporating the requested corrections (if appropriate).

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Foreign Applications

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Projected Publication Date: To Be Determined - pending completion of Missing Parts

Non-Publication Request: No

Early Publication Request: No

**Title**

Information providing system for providing information about procurement

**Preliminary Class**

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The return of this post card, properly stamped, will acknowledge receipt in the Patent & Trademark Office of the following:

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